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To the Brink of Exhaustion

Frederick & Washington Co. Officers Complete Advanced Tactics School

FREDERICK, Md. (Nov. 17, 2020) - The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) recently conducted its first-ever Advanced Tactics Training School as part of the selection process for prospective special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team members.

Eleven law enforcement representatives from the FCSO, Washington County Sheriff's Office, and Hagerstown, Maryland, Police Department attended this physically and academically demanding eight-day training. The training took place in, Washington County, Maryland, from Sunday, Nov. 1, through Sunday, Nov. 8.

"This course was a successful collaboration between Frederick and Washington counties and provided these officers the opportunity to learn advanced tactics, become leaders, and establish a solid foundation in critical incident resolution," said Lt. John Packard, FCSO SWAT Commander and course leader.

The 11 officers quickly learned that sound strategies are only a portion of an overall successful outcome. From the course material they received, they understood that an educated SWAT officer, working within the parameters of the law and agency policies and procedures, could implore sound decision-making during critical times even when they are physically and mentally to the brink of exhaustion.

"The first-ever Advance Tactics Training School, hosted by this agency, was a tremendous success in that it demonstrated that the FCSO has the knowledge and talent to host and conduct its own program," said FCSO Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. "It's important to understand that law enforcement agencies need to have deputies and officers that have advanced training and are tactically sound and disciplined with the right state of mind for high risk law enforcement responses."

All 11 members successfully graduated the course and three officers received awards for top expert shooter, leadership, and overall class honor graduate.

"Our commanders did a very good job in planning and carrying out this training program with a relatively short lead time, due to our need to fill positions on the team," said Jenkins.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and

ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosheriff.com for more information.

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